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TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 1858.

JAMES HENTHORN TODD, D.D., President, in the Chair.

THE Secretary of the Council read the following Report from the Council :—

REPORT.

IN presenting their Annual Report for the Session of 1857-58, the Council regret that they cannot congratulate the Academy on any large publication of Transactions during the past year,—in fact, that department of our printing has been during that period wholly suspended. The cause of this is to be found not in any diminution of intellectual activity on the part of our members, but in the state of the finances of the Academy, combined with the fact that during the past year we have undertaken, and partly completed, the work of forming and publishing a Catalogue of our Museum. The very large expense which has attended the publication of the Part now in the hands of members has left us no available surplus which might be devoted to the publication of "Transactions." The whole of this subject has been carefully considered by the Council, who are clearly of opinion that a permanent or even lengthened suspension of the publication of our Transactions would be fatal to the interests of the Academy.

In order, then, to provide for the immediate resumption of this important work, the Council have arrived at certain Resolutions, which will be laid before you on this evening. Should you agree to the recommendations contained in those Resolutions, the Council think that the publication of our Transactions may be at once resumed, and hope that no further interruption will occur in this work, which is undoubtedly the most important function of the Academy. The present state of the unpublished portion of our "Transactions" is as follows:—

In Science, we have printed papers by Lieutenant Rennie, Professor Downing, Mr. Salmon, and Mr. Forster.

In Polite Literature, by Dr. Hincks and Dr. Wills.

In Antiquities, by the President.

The amount of matter thus printed, but not published, is:—In Science, 64 pages; in Polite Literature, 48 pages; in Antiquities, 58 pages. Total, 160 pages.

There has been some diminution in the number of papers read before the Academy during the past Session, as compared with that of 1856-57. Still, we have had some communications of much interest. In Mathematics, we have had papers from Sir William R. Hamilton, John T. Graves, Esq., A. Cayley, Esq., and Rev. Robert Carmichael; in the Sciences of Observation and Experiment, from Dr. Lloyd, Dr. Robinson, Professor Hennessy, Dr. Kelly, G. J. Stoney, Esq., and M. Donovan, Esq.; in Polite Literature, from J. Huband Smith, Esq., Dr. Hincks, and Dr. Ingram; in Antiquities, from the President and Dr. Reeves.

The subject of the "Museum Catalogue" has been before alluded to. The first Part is already published, and it has been resolved to devote the proceeds of the sale of that Part to the publication of a second, in the preparation of which much progress has been made. As there are no other funds available for that purpose, it now rests mainly with the members of the Academy to decide whether this important work shall be completed, or whether it shall be allowed to remain imperfect.

The Council have to observe that, prior to March, 1857, the Academy had a very large and valuable collection of Antiquities, perhaps the largest national collection in Europe except that in Copenhagen; but we had no classified or arranged Museum; neither were the architectural details of the building at all adequate to the preservation or display of our national treasures.

In this position, and in order to meet the circumstances of the visit of the British Association to Dublin, Mr. Wilde undertook the arrangement, classification, and cataloguing of the Museum gratuitously, and with the result the Academy is acquainted. The Board of Works expended a sum of about £400 in completing the glass-cases, improving the roof so as to admit sufficient light, making an additional fire-proof safe, painting and decorating the Museum. The Board of Works also built (at the top of the house) a photographic gallery, as originally proposed some years ago.

The Collection, independent of gold and silver ornaments, coins, medals, and ecclesiastical antiquities, has been arranged, and a Catalogue of about 2800 articles has been published; the remaining articles are now in process of being catalogued, and Mr. Wilde hopes to have that part completed and made ready for the press during the summer vacation.

For the concluding part of the Catalogue 140 illustrations have been drawn on wood, and 102 engraved and paid for. The MS. Catalogue is now in process of completion, irrespective of any cost to the Academy, out of the price of Part I., which it is expected will also pay for the completion of the illustrations, provided the members who have not already subscribed will do so. Thus, in process of time, should the Academy be in funds, and inclined to complete the history of the collection, it will only have to pay for the printing and paper.

During the past year we have lost twelve members by death:—

ROBERT BALL, LL.D.; elected 23rd February, 1834.
 ADMIRAL SIR FRANCIS BEAUFORT; elected 22nd October, 1832.
 THOMAS CLARKE, Esq.; elected 30th November, 1853.
 EDMUND DAVY, Esq., F.R.S.; elected 22nd October, 1827.
 CHARLES DOYNE, Esq.; elected 26th May, 1834.
 EDMUND GETTY, Esq.; elected 13th January, 1845.
 WILLIAM T. LLOYD, Esq.; elected 13th January, 1840.
 NICHOLAS P. O'GORMAN, Esq.; elected 10th February, 1845.
 MICHAEL M. O'GRADY, M.D.; elected 23rd May, 1846.
 MILES JOHN O'REILLY, Esq.; elected 25th February, 1833.
 THOMAS WEAVER, Esq., F.R.S.; elected 29th January, 1816.
 THOMAS WILSON, Esq.; elected 12th April, 1841.

One illustrious name has been removed by death from the list of our Honorary Members. The Academy needs not to be informed how great a loss the scientific world has sustained in the death of M. CAUCHY.

Thirty-one members have been elected since the last annual meeting. Their names are :—

James Cleland, Esq.	Robert Corbet, Esq.
Captain George A. Leach, R. E.	Samuel A. Cusack, Esq.
Denis Florence Mac Carthy, Esq.	George Victor Du Noyer, Esq.
William Moore, M. D.	Alfred Furlong, Esq.
James H. Sawyer, M. D.	Henry Grattan, Esq.
James A. Lawson, Q. C., LL. D.	Thomas Hayden, Esq.
Daniel G. Griott, Q. C.	George Paul Helsham, LL. D.
Captain Charles Preston Molony.	Rev. Alfred T. Lee, M. A.
Thomas O'Hagan, Q. C.	Major-General Sir Chas. O'Donnell.
Bindon Blood Stoney, C. E.	William K. Sullivan, Esq.
James Whitehead, M. D.	E. Percival Wright, M. B.
Lord Stuart de Decies.	Alexander T. Blakely, Esq.
Lord Massareene and Ferrard.	Maurice Henry Collis, M. B.
Right Hon. Richard Atkinson, Lord	Howard B. Montgomery, M. D.
Mayor of Dublin.	John Purser, Jun., Esq.
Denis Crofton, Esq.	Samuel L. Hardy, Esq., M. D.

The Report having been amended, at the suggestion of Dr. Petrie and others, by the omission of a clause in which it was stated that the Museum of Copenhagen "was completed before ours was commenced,"—

It was Resolved,—That the Report of the Council be adopted.

The Ballots for the annual election of President, Council, and Officers having been scrutinized in the face of the Academy, the President reported that the following gentlemen had been duly elected :—

PRESIDENT.—James H. Todd, D. D.

COMMITTEE OF SCIENCE.—Sir Robert Kane, M. D.; Rev. Humphrey Lloyd, D. D.; Rev. George Salmon, M. A.; Rev. Samuel Haughton, M. A.; William H. Harvey, M. D.; Rev. J. H. Jellett, M. A.; James Apjohn, M. D.

COMMITTEE OF POLITE LITERATURE.—Rev. W. H. Drummond, D. D.; Rev. Charles Graves, D. D.; John Kells Ingram, LL. D.; John O'Donovan, LL. D.; Rev. Samuel Butcher, D. D.; John F. Waller, LL. D.

COMMITTEE OF ANTIQUITIES.—George Petrie, LL. D.; William R. Wilde, Esq.; Joseph Huband Smith, M. A.; Charles Haliday, Esq.; John T. Gilbert, Esq.; Rev. William Reeves, D. D.; Lord Talbot de Malahide.

TREASURER.—Rev. Joseph Carson, D. D.

SECRETARY TO THE ACADEMY.—Rev. Charles Graves, D. D.

SECRETARY TO THE COUNCIL.—Rev. John H. Jellett, M. A.

SECRETARY OF FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.—W. R. Wilde, Esq.

LIBRARIAN.—Rev. William H. Drummond, D. D.

CLERK, ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN, AND CURATOR OF THE MUSEUM.—Mr. Edward Clibborn.

The President nominated, under his hand and seal, the following Vice-Presidents:—Rev. Humphrey Lloyd, D. D., Rev. William Reeves, D. D., Rev. George Salmon, M. A., John Kells Ingram, LL. D.

It was Resolved, on the recommendation of the Council:—

1. That the regular publication of our Transactions is absolutely essential to the welfare of the Academy.

2. That, in order to enable the Council to carry on this important work without interruption, it be recommended to the Academy to suspend, for the present, the Annual Grants of £100, each, to the Library and Museum, there being no other funds available for the purpose.

3. That the amount of the Grants annually voted to the increase of the Library and Museum be regulated by the funds in hands, after paying for the publication of the Transactions.

An Address to His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, on his return to Ireland, was read and adopted.